



Houghton Valley School

110 Houghton Bay Road, Houghton Bay, Wellington.

NEWSLETTER

Houghton Valley School Mission Statement

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TE HIRINGA, TE WEROHIA, TE WHAKATUTUKITANGA

Thursday, 28th May 2009

Week 5 of Term 2

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Tēnā koutou katoa. It was great to see so many of our families at the rogainé on Tuesday evening. It was the first time I had competed in this type of event and it was a lot of fun. The challenge of the rogainé is to visit as many of the places shown on the map as possible, in two hours. Points are awarded for difficulty. My team finished somewhere near the back of the field, due to getting lost in the bush above Houghton Bay; mainly thanks to my map reading skills! Thanks to Jenny Cossey for organising the event. We look forward to the next one.

Our Junior Electives finished yesterday. We (the children and teachers) appreciated the many parents who gave up their time to provide so many 'hands on' experiences. The children had a great time. We plan to have a round of senior electives next year.

PRINCIPAL'S AFTERNOON TEA

I had the pleasure of sharing afternoon tea in the staffroom with the following children, last week. They were recommended by their teachers. They had great manners and great appetites! Tino pai!

Lawrence Webster, Jamie Simes, Stella Esson, Aidan Jagers, Zephan Sinclair, Kate Pickard, Elle McKeown, Samantha Graham, Chenoa Vorster, Scarlet Mollan, Nathan Simes, Charli Lee, Ioane Belford-Laulu, Evie Bond, Tom Stanton-Barnett, Logan Sullivan, Maya Restieaux.

HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Along with last week's newsletter, you received a questionnaire about our health and physical education curriculum. This gives you and your child(ren) an opportunity to let us know your thoughts about the various parts of the health curriculum that we cover here at HVS. It is due back tomorrow, Friday 29 May. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.



LOOK AFTER OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please don't park in our neighbours' driveways or in front of their garages. It prevents them from having access to their properties and causes them to become irate! Thanks.

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW 11.45am

Due to our visiting Kapa Haka tutors working with classes in the afternoon, assembly is at 11.45am tomorrow.

PARKING PROGRESS

The cone arrangement at the entrance to our car park seems to be working well. The only negative has been that the cones have stopped access to the disabled park during peak times. We therefore plan to have a new disabled park installed at the entrance. It will be for holders of disabled permits only and is not intended as a space for dropping off or turning. I appreciate your co-operation with this.

NEW SIGNS

We have a few new signs around the school, including one above our entrance gate saying, 'Haere Mai Ki Te Kura o Haewai'. In English this means, 'Welcome To Houghton Valley School', with 'Te Kura o Haewai' being the name of our school in Te Reo.

'Kura' = school and 'Haewai' = the name of the local area.



EMAILING NEWSLETTERS and SAVING THE TREES

Many whanau have the newsletter emailed to them each week and, in doing so, save paper. If you would like your name added to the email list, please email Denise admin@houghton.school.nz with 'please email newsletter' in the subject line. Thanks.

Enjoy the long weekend.

BARRY SCHON

Principal/Tumuaki

A BIG WELCOME IN POHUTUKAWA TO:
☺ Pollyanna Legge

Interzone Cross Country – Tues 16th June 12pm-2:30pm (postponement Thurs 18th June)

Home & School



Knitters

The knitted blanket has begun and is looking great (have a look in the foyer) and we already have some volunteers (Thanks - you know who you are!) A get together is planned for those keen and able to come, to compare notes, collect wool, relearn how to knit, drink tea, etc so please come - all welcome and the more the merrier.

Where: Katharine Gebbie's house - ph 3896779 or 027 2945008 for address and directions

When: Tuesday 2 June 7.30pm

Bring: 4mm knitting needles (number 8) and double knitting wool (not acrylic!) if you have some

Also, we are planning some other workshops for making some cool stuff for the craft stall at the fair so watch the notice board at school and this space! Thanks Katharine

Next Home & School Meeting Tuesday, 2nd June 7.30pm in the staff room. Everybody is welcome.

Ring Sarah FQ 387-2799 or doddsfq@paradise.net.nz



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Healthy BBQ Burgers - this Friday

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Community Notices **Read to Your Kids**



MP Katrina Shanks is launching Read To Your Kids in Wellington this Friday 29th May! We would love to invite all parents and children to come along for a free, fun and informative event. The event will be held in the Wellington Central library from 5pm to 6pm and will include a reading by MP Katrina Shanks. There will be refreshments provided and book prizes for children as well as free goodie bags to take home. Read to Your Kids is a new organisation which aims to encourage and support parents who read to their children regularly.

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